

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 12-17 without prejudice.

1-17. (Canceled).

18. (Original) A method of replacing a trash bag that is supported by a liner in a trash can assembly, comprising:

- a. providing a trash can assembly having:
 - a shell having a top end and a bottom end;
 - a liner defining a container body having a bottom and an enclosing side wall, the liner fitted inside the shell;
 - a lid fitted over the top end of the shell; and
 - a support block provided adjacent the bottom end of the shell;
- b. fitting a trash bag inside the liner;
- c. positioning the liner inside the shell with the support block located side-by-side with the side wall of the container body;
- d. raising the liner with respect to the interior of the shell; and
- e. positioning the liner with the support block located below the bottom of the container body.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, further including:

- e. providing an annular wall at the top end of the shell, the annular wall having a groove;
- f. gripping an upper lip of the container body via the groove to raise the liner; and
- g. supporting the liner on the support block in a raised position at an angle with respect to the shell when removing the trash bag.